

ENGLISH  
PART - I

**Note: 1. Answer all the questions. 2. Choose the most suitable answer and write the code with the corresponding answer.**

**Choose the appropriate synonyms for the italicized words.**

14 x 1 = 14

1. We could hear the sound of *rending* glass.

- a) breaking      b) weaving      c) tearing      d) winkling

2. A portion of the wall had been *crumbled*.

- a) painted      b) broken      c) decorated      d) attractive

3. It would have been *frustrating* and difficult.

- a) pleasing      b) satisfying      c) annoying      d) delightful

**Choose the appropriate antonyms for the italicized word.**

4. They were *beckoning* to him, calling shrilly.

- a) encouraging      b) welcoming      c) inviting      d) discouraging

5. The aim of the project is *depicting* the thrust of the Government of India.

- a) concealing      b) revealing      c) showing      d) ignoring

6. I hope you will be able to *persuade* him to come.

- a) encourage      b) dissuade      c) influence      d) dominate

7. Choose the correct plural form of "**hero**" from the following.

- a) hero      b) heroes      c) heros      d) heroen

8. Form a derivative by adding the right suffix to the word "**Original---**".

- a) er      b) ment      c) ish      d) ity

9. Choose the correct expansion of the abbreviation "**INSV**".

- a) Indian Naval Ship Vessel      b) Inter Naval Ship Vessel  
c) Indian Naval Ship Vehicle      d) Indian Naval Sea Vessel

10. Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate phrasal verb given below.

Lalitha takes a late night walk in the beach -----

- a) in deep water      b) on the ball  
c) once in a blue moon      d) the cat is out of the bag

11. Choose the suitable option to pair it with the word "**Foot**" to form a compound word.

- a) read      b) down      c) over      d) note

12. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate preposition given below.

The construction of this building has been going on \_\_\_ January.

- a) since      b) for      c) in      d) from

13. Complete the following sentence using the most appropriate tense form.

The new edition of this book \_\_\_ out shortly.

- a) is coming      b) will come      c) has come      d) come

14. Choose the most appropriate linker from the given options.

The alarm woke me up, \_\_\_it wasn't very loud.

- a) as      b) but      c) though      d) if

Answer any THREE of the following questions in a sentence or two.

3 x 2 = 6

15. What did the young bird do to seek the attention of his parents?
16. What did Aditya visit?
17. What was Franz asked to tell? Was he able to answer?
18. Who arrested Smith? What were the charges against him?

SECTION - II

Read the following sets of poetic lines and answer any THREE of the followings 3 x 2 = 6

19. Let us to walk with a smile and a song

No matter if things do sometimes go wrong

- a) What does the poet expect everyone to learn?
- b) What should we do when things go wrong sometimes?

20. And now if you will set us to our task

We will serve you four and twenty hours a day

- a) Who does the pronoun "you" refer to here?
- b) Whose task is referred to as "our task" here?

21. Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read

A labor nor different from our own

- a) Who does "their" refer to?
- b) What does not differ?

22. I really don't know

I guess it will always be a mystery

- a) Does the poet know what happened in the house?
- b) What is the mystery about the house?

SECTION – III

Answer any THREE of the followings.

3 X 2 = 6

23. Rewrite the following sentence in other voice:

The boss showed the new computer to Kaviya.

24. Change into indirect speech.

He said to him, "Will you attend the meeting tomorrow?"

25. Punctuate the following sentence.

certainly besides tea i have biscuits and savories

26. Transform the following sentence into a simple sentence.

Walk carefully lest you will fall down.

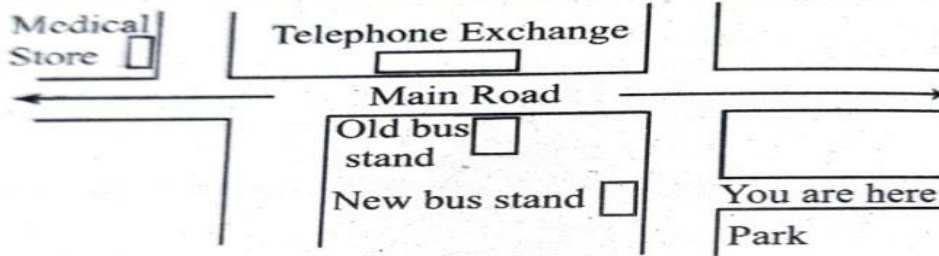
27. Rearrange the words in the correct order to make meaningful sentences.

- a) surprise / moment/ waited / a / in / he
- b) jewels / in / my / safe / are / my locker

Answer the following question

1 x 2 = 2

28. A stranger asks you to direct him to Medical store. Give instruction to him.



PART - III

SECTION - I

Answer any TWO of the followings in a paragraph.

2 x 5 = 10

29. Describe the struggles underwent by the young seagull to overcome its fear of flying.

30. Write in detail about the selection and training process which the crew underwent.

31. "Technology is a boon to the disabled" - Justify.

32. How did Watson help his friend to arrest the criminal?

SECTION - II

Answer any TWO of the followings

2 x 5 = 10

33. Compare and contrast the attitude of the ant and the cricket.

34. Write a paragraph on "The Grumble Family" and their attitude towards other folks.

35. Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below

It sat alone

What happened there is still today unknown

It is a very mysterious place

And inside you can tell it has a ton of space

a) Pick out the rhyming words from the above lines.

b) Write the rhyme scheme of the given stanza.

c) Identify the figure of speech employed in the first line.

d) Pick out the alliterating words from the fourth line.

36. Paraphrase the following stanza.

Strong is she in her faith and beliefs

Persistence is the key to everything

Says she. Despite the sighs and groans and moans

She's strong in her faith, firm in her belief

SECTION - III

37. Answer any ONE of the followings

1 x 5 = 5

Rearrange the following sentences in coherent order.

i) Bennett asked the aero - coachman to take him Niagara

ii) He was finishing his coffee when Mrs. Bennett appeared in the telephote screen

iii) He sold or hired out his works to his consumers

iv) Bennett was lunching in solitude

v) The clock struck twelve

**38. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.**

At last I hung the key on my watch guard; but then it occurred to me that it might be lost or stolen. Dreading this, I hid it, fearful that someone might use it to open the box. This state of doubt and fear lasted for weeks, until I became nervous and began to dread that some accident might happen to that box. A burglar might come and boldly carry it away and force it open and find it was a wicked fraud of my uncle's. Even the rumble and vibration caused by the heavy vans in the street became at last a terror. Worst of all, my salary was reduced, and I saw that marriage was out of the question.

**Questions:**

- a) Where did he hang the key?                      b) Why did he hide the key?  
c) What was a terror for the author?            d) What is the worst of all?  
e) How long did this state of doubt and fear last?

**SECTION – IV**

**Answer any FOUR of the followings.**

**4 x 5 = 20**

**39. Prepare an attractive advertisement using the hints given below.**

Solar lamps – cheap cost – Long lasting – maintenance free – Good for hotels, homes and offices – 50 % offer for bulk order.

40. You are Raja. The street lights of your area do not work properly. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the newspaper enlightening them about the problem and also suggest ways to brighten the area.
41. Write a report on the observation of "National Science Day" which is held recently at your school.
42. Look at the following picture and express your views on it in about five sentences.



**43. Make notes or write a summary of the following passage.**

We do not realize the fact that our minds are molded by the books we read. In fact, we have several means by which we acquire knowledge today – the radio, the tv, the newspaper and magazines, the internet etc. But reading books is the most ancient and the most effective of them all. Reading a book is different and it is an activity, which gives us immense pleasure. We are never alone when we have the company of books. In the modern world we have very little time. When we have a little leisure, we watch tv, gossip or run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We were afraid to be alone with ourselves, afraid to sit quietly and think. We are happy with others but not with ourselves. Reading a book on such an occasion gives us the comfort of good company and true pleasure.

**44. Identify the errors in the following sentences and rewrite them correctly.**

- a) Our class room is in the second floor.            b) Have anyone attended the function?  
c) My grandmother and I was good at drawing pictures.  
d) It is I, who are to write.                              e) Fifteen minutes are allowed to read the question paper.

## 45. Quote from memory

1 x 5 = 5

O'er rough or smooth .....

..... will be the best.

## PART - IV

## 46. Write a paragraph of about 150 words by developing the following hints 2 x 8 = 16

A) Poor farmer- happy and peaceful - aged mother - Shining - governor - death of all  
Aged - farmer - mother - mountain - little food - brought her back - kitchen - order  
- ropes of ashes- twisted straws - governor amazed - mother's wit - abolished law.

(OR)

b) Dr. Krishna's clinic - sounded noisy - Dr. Somu - asked him to keep his pet Zigzag -  
Dr. Krishna's family was surprised - strange and huge bird - Visu - Somu's cook - said  
that the bird could recite French poetry - noisy clinic transformed into a calm place -  
treasure.

## 47. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions given below.

One of the primary steps in managing earthquake disasters is preparedness. Before an earthquake occurs, individuals should be educated on how to react during the event. Simple actions, such as "Drop, Cover, and Hold On," can be life-saving. Schools and workplaces should conduct regular earthquake drills, ensuring everyone is aware of the safest locations and actions to take during the tremors. Response immediately following an earthquake is another crucial aspect of disaster management. Efficient coordination between emergency services, including firefighters, paramedics, and police, is imperative. Rapid assessments of the affected areas are needed to prioritize the rescue and relief operations. Swift medical assistance to the injured and immediate restoration of essential services like electricity and water supply can reduce human suffering and economic damage.

**Questions:**

- i) What can we do to save our life while earthquake?
- ii) What can reduce the human suffering?
- iii) What is the primary step in managing earthquake?
- iv) Where should we conduct earthquake drills?

(OR)

## b) Read the following poem and answer the questions given below

They like to march in pairs  
Its dangerous work with heavy loads  
And each one does a share  
They march in twos  
In long, straight lines,  
They look for crumbs and scraps

**Questions:**

- a) How do the ants march and where do they go?
- b) What sort of a work the ants undergo?
- c) What are they looking for?
- d) What does the poem express about the ant?